

Paragraphs

Part A

Paragraphs are groups of sentences. They are used in writing to break up the text and make it easier to read. In stories, paragraphs are usually used to mark breaks in time. They can also be used to introduce new sections of a story, characters or information. New paragraphs are usually shown by starting the text slightly along the line or by leaving a line blank.

Cut out the sentences and group into paragraphs. Work with a partner. Try to look for breaks in time and time conjunctions to help you see when you need a new paragraph. Can you finish off the final sentence?

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The wind whistled loudly in my ears.

I hunched my shoulders and pulled my coat tighter round my chest.

All around me, I could see stars shining and beaming at me, as if they were beckoning me home.

But home was so far away. Would I ever get there?

Finally, in the distance, I could see a small cluster of lights and a darker outline of square shapes. I hurried onward, determined that I would reach home before daybreak.

With sore feet and aching legs I continued forward, inching closer to the lights and outline of buildings.

In the meantime, on the horizon, a group of tiny figures were moving slowly towards me.

I waved frantically, trying to catch their attention.

They couldn't see me wave.

More determined than ever, I marched onwards to the lights and the buildings and the figures.

Some time later, I noticed that the tiny figures I'd seen earlier had disappeared.

As I glanced around, to my horror, I found that the lights and buildings I had seen earlier had gone too.

I slumped forward and fell onto the ground. I fell asleep where I lay, curled up against the bitter wind and cold.

The next morning, I awoke and peered grimly into the distance with my eyes still half closed.

Nothing. There was nothing to see and nowhere to go...

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Part B

Write two descriptive paragraphs about either George or Grandma. In the first paragraph, describe their character and in the second describe their appearance.

★ Challenge Task ★

Using a different colour e.g. green, go back to your paragraphs and make at least one link between the two paragraphs. For example, in the first paragraph you may mention Grandma's unkindness, then in the second paragraph, you could describe her wicked eyes that show her unkindness. This makes a link of the theme of unkindness between the two paragraphs. Use a colour to underline where you have already made a link, or insert information to create a link.

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